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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION IN THE NEAR EAST

1. ISRAELI MEDIA HAVE GIVEN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ATTENTION RECENTLY TO REPORTS ABOUT THE 1977 HARVARD INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SEMINAR WHICH IS TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR ON THE SUBJECT "PERSPECTIVES ON YOUTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIETY IN THE U.S." ACCORDING TO THOSE REPORTS THE SEMINAR IS TO BE ATTENDED BY PARTICIPANTS FROM BOTH ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND THIS HAS UNDERSTANDABLY ATTRACTED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ATTENTION. THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS BULLETIN ON THIS SUBJECT ON NOVEMBER 30:

2. BEGIN TEXT: AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NEAR-EASTERN PEOPLES WILL DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION IN THE SUMMER OF 1977. THE PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE, ORGANIZED BY HARVARD UNIVERSITY OF BOSTON, MASS., IS THE SUBJECT OF A MEETING COMMENCING THIS MORNING (NOV 30) IN BOSTON, ATTENDED BY EDUCATORS FROM FOUR COUNTRIES OF THE REGION: ISRAEL, EGYPT, TURKEY AND IRAN. THE ISRAELI DELEGATION IS COMPOSED OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, MR. ELIEZER SHMUELI, THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISER ON WELFARE AFFAIRS, MR. BARUCH LEVY, AND THE DIRECTOR OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY'S PAEDAGOGIC COLLEGE PROFESSOR DAVID HEN. THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION INCLUDES THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE

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EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NR. MANSOUR HUSSEIN, THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION AT CAIRO UNIVERSITY. DR. ELHADI AFIFI, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC STUDIES, DR. OUDIN KOUTIB.

3. THE HARVARD FORUM WILL MEET FOR ONE WEEK. DURING THE FIRST DAYS, DELEGATES WILL HEAR LECTURES ON THE U.S. SYSTEM OF EDUCATION AND VISIT A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE PLANNING OF NEXT SUMMER'S CONFERENCE. SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL INTEGRATION, TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION, PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMPUTERIZED TEACHING METHODS. END TEXT.

4. SHIMON CHASDI, DIRECTOR AND ORGANIZER OF THE SEMINAR, HAD EARLIER CALLED AT THE EMBASSY SEVERAL TIMES TO SOLICIT ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE SEMINAR, THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AS WELL AS THE PARTICIPANTS FROM ISRAEL. WE UNDERSTAND THE SEMINAR WILL EXPLORE THOSE AREAS BASIC TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESSES BOTH IN THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND THE U.S.
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